



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 214***

LCO No. 560

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS FOR THE PERMANENTLY DISABLED.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-140e of the 2012 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective January 1, 2013*):

4 (a) Any elector who is permanently physically disabled and who  
5 files an application for an absentee ballot with a certification from a  
6 primary care provider, indicating that such elector is permanently  
7 physically disabled and unable to appear in person at such elector's  
8 designated polling location, shall be eligible for permanent absentee  
9 ballot status and shall receive [an application for] an absentee ballot for  
10 each election, primary or referendum conducted in such elector's  
11 municipality for which such elector is eligible to vote. Such elector's  
12 permanent absentee ballot status shall remain in effect until such  
13 elector: (1) Is removed from the official registry list of the municipality,  
14 (2) is removed from permanent absentee ballot status pursuant to the  
15 provisions of this section, or (3) requests that he or she no longer

16 receive such permanent absentee ballot status.

17 (b) The registrars of voters shall send written notice to each such  
 18 elector with permanent absentee ballot status in January of each year,  
 19 on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, for the purpose of  
 20 determining if such elector continues to reside at the address indicated  
 21 on the elector's permanent absentee ballot application. If (1) such  
 22 written notice is [not returned within thirty days or is] returned as  
 23 undeliverable, or (2) not later than thirty days after such notice is sent  
 24 to the elector, the elector fails to return such notice to the registrars of  
 25 voters, as directed on the form, the elector in question shall be  
 26 removed from permanent absentee ballot status. If such elector  
 27 indicates on such notice that the elector no longer resides at such  
 28 address and the elector's new address is within the same municipality,  
 29 the registrars of voters shall change the elector's address pursuant to  
 30 section 9-35 and such elector shall retain permanent absentee ballot  
 31 status. If the elector indicates on such notice that the elector no longer  
 32 resides in the municipality, the registrars of voters shall remove such  
 33 individual from the registry list of the municipality and send such  
 34 individual an application for voter registration. Failure to return such  
 35 written notice shall not result in the removal of an elector from the  
 36 official registry list of the municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	January 1, 2013	9-140e
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To make absentee ballot status permanent for the permanently physically disabled and to clarify instructions for the recipient of such status.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*